

[7th March,2001]

RAJYASABHA

**Setting up Navinagar Thermal Power Station**

† 1270. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration regarding setting up of Navinagar Thermal Power Station worth Rs. 8000 crores; and

(b) if so, by when it will be sanctioned by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) and (b) Keeping in view the need to increase the capacity addition programme in Central Sector during 10th and 11th Plan, Navinagar project has been viewed as one of the potential projects for development and accordingly, the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) has been advised to initiate preliminary works of the project after assessing its feasibility and marketability of power to be generated from the project.

NTPC had requested all the beneficiaries in the Northern/Western regions to intimate their power requirement from this project. However, there has been no positive response from them. In view of this, it is not possible at this stage to indicate any time frame for sanctioning of the project by the Central Government.

**Ramagundam Power Plant in Andhra Pradesh**

1271. SHRI K. RAMAMOohana RAO: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the NTPC finalised the bids for 500 MW State III of the Ramagundam Power Plant in Karimnagar district of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether it is a fact that there were no private sector bidders for this power plant; and

(c) how many public sector companies have submitted their bids apart from BHEL?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) The National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) is yet to finalize the bids received for main plant turnkey packages of Ramagundam Super Thermal Power Project Stage-III (1x500 MW). Post bid discussions including price negotiations are currently under progress.

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† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi